GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4487
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2002
DENTAL COLLEGE STUDENTS
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government`s attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in `Dainik Jagran` dated August 3, 2002 to the effect that approval to conduct Central Pre-Medical Test was given to a Lucknow based Dental College during the year 2000-01;

(b) the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the number of students took admission in the first year in this college during the year 2000-01 and the amount of donation paid by each of such candidates;

(d) the date on which and the basis and the period from which approval was granted to the said college;

(e) whether the students have a bleak future as they cannot pursue further studies after first year; and

(f) the arrangement made by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha..

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4487 for 18.12.2002 regarding Dental College Students.

The Central Government granted permission on 2.5.2000 to Bhartiya Manav Vikas Samiti, Lucknow for establishing a new dental college in the name of Avadh Institute of Dental Sciences at Lucknow with 100 admissions with effect from the academic session 2000-01 on the basis of recommendations of the Dental Council of India (DCI)As per information furnished by the College authorities, they had admitted 100 students during 2000-01 and collected an amount of Rs.40.60 lakhs from the students.

2 . The above permission was valid for a period of one year and was to be renewed on yearly basis after verification of the achievement of annual targets and the revalidation of the Performance Bank Guarantee of Rs.150 lakhs.The Dental Council of India did not send its recommendations for renewal of permission for 2001-02 because of certain deficiencies in terms of infrastructural facilities in the college. In the meantime, the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, acting on the complaint of the students, recommended to the Central Government to disapprove the College and shift the students to some other College.Acting on the recommendation of UP Government, the Central Government conveyed its no objection to the State Government to shift these students to other approved/recognized Dental Colleges subject to the condition that the approved admission capacity of those colleges did not exceed. Now, it was the responsibility of the State Government to adjust these students in other approved Colleges.

3. In the mean time, the students also went to the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court, who in its interim order directed that the Principal Secretary, Department of Medical Health and Training, Government of UP, Director General, Medical Education & Training (UP) and Dental Council of India to accommodate the petitioner students in 2nd year BDS Course in other Dental Colleges of the State. They also directed DCI to take necessary steps for increasing the seats in the existing Dental Colleges so that the petitioner students may be accommodated in the 2nd year BDS Course.

4. The DCI had informed that it was filing an appeal against the interim order passed by the Hon`ble High Court because there is no provision in the Dentists Act, 1948 for increasing admission capacity in 2nd year BDS Course. The DCI has also sent its recommendation for renewal of 2nd year permission in this Dental College. A meeting of the representatives of the State Government and the DCI is being convened to resolve the issue.